



Become a Citizen Scientist with eBird

The Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area encompasses a regionally significant bird habitat that can most effectively be conserved through a local initiative. The Important Bird Areas (IBA) program is worldwide effort to identify and conserve areas that provide essential habitat to one or more species of breeding, wintering, and/or migrating birds. The Massachusetts Audubon Society is the organization responsible for coordinating the IBA in the Commonwealth.

What is eBird?

eBird is an interactive database that helps you keep track of the birds you see, anywhere, anytime. You can play an active part in protecting biodiversity and help the National Park Service and Mass Audubon to record bird sightings on eBird.

The most exciting thing about eBird is that your records, combined with those of other observers, become a powerful tool for bird conservation by supplying scientifically useful data on species distribution and movement patterns in Massachusetts.

How does it work?

In eBird you document the presence or absence of species, as well as bird abundance through checklist data. Birders can maintain their personal bird records and connect a visual context for data through interactive maps, graphs, and bar charts.

How Do I eBird at the Boston Harbor Islands?

eBirding is easy. Follow these simple steps:

- Visit the Boston Harbor Islands website www.BostonIslands.com
- At the drop-down menu on the bottom of the page select "Biodiversity"
- Then simply click the eBird link on the right side of the webpage to register
- To submit observations
 - Choose "select an entire city, county or state" then select "Important Bird Areas"
 - Choose Boston Harbor Islands NRA if you are reporting bird sightings from a vessel or a non-island location.
 - Choose BHI "Island Name" if you are reporting birds from an island location (example: Spectacle Island)

By entering your bird observations into the eBird database you will be contributing to the ongoing Boston Harbor Islands inventory.